

REMARKS

An issue fee is due in the above application on August 2, 2007. In lieu of payment of the issue fee, applicants herewith amend certain claims to address informalities, add new claims, and file an additional Information Disclosure Statement. So that the amendment will be entered and further so that the Information Disclosure Statement will be considered, applicants contemporaneously herewith file a Request for Continued Examination. In that the claim amendments addressing minor informalities (including the amendment of claim 124 made for purposes of avoiding duplication with claim 123), are for purposes of addressing informalities, they will not be regarded as "narrowing" claim amendments. No amendment herein contains new matter.

Specifically regarding amendments to claims 76, 98, 117, 129, 133 relating to "directing light" related elements, the claims are generalized for clarification and greater harmony with specification subject matter that provides support for the "directing" language including the support provided at page 18, lines 27 and 28 to page 19, lines 1-3: "Illumination assembly 20 may, for example, include an illumination source assembly 22, such as one or more LEDs, together with an illuminating optics assembly 24, such as one or more reflectors, for directing light from light source 22 in the direction of target object T." While the original "directing" claim language is believed to be supported at least by, e.g. the highlighted section of the specification and the incorporated by reference subject matter incorporated by reference to U. S. Patent Application No. 08/914,883, it is believed that the generalized "directing" claim language generalized by way of the claim amendments presented herein brings the language of the claims into greater clarity and greater harmony with the overall supporting specification.

Accordingly, in view of the above remarks, applicants believe the present application to be in condition for allowance and respectfully request reconsideration and passage to allowance of the application.


If the Examiner believes that contact with applicants' attorney would be advantageous toward the disposition of this case, the Examiner is herein requested to call applicants' representative at the phone number listed below.

Amendment To Accompany Request For Continued Examination
Dated August 2, 2007

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0289.

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